(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto particularly with respect to minority communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Funds for Post-Matric Scholarship to students in Karnataka

2226. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have yet to release Rs. 8163.33 lakhs to Karnataka Government towards Post-Matric Scholarship to the Scheduled Caste students in Karnataka during the year 2005-06; and

(b) if so, by when the same will released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka submited a proposal to release Central assistance of Rs. 9311.71 lakh under the Post Matric Scholarship scheme during the year 2005-06, which is based on an assessment of 103% increase on the total expenditure on this scheme in the State during last year, which is unusual. An amount of Rs. 1152.00 lakh had been released to Government of Karnataka during 2005-06, after taking into account the unspent balance of Rs. 943.33 lakhs from the previous year. Further release of Central assistant will depend upon availability of additional funds.

Financial assistance under Integrated Programme for Street Children

2227. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state: